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OPERATIONAL MEMORANDUM

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TO : E J
FROM : E J
SUBJECT: CALESA Project *noted*
REF : Berlin Cable No. 264.

1. CALESA was met by E J at 1400 hours, U-Bahn Station, Viktoria Luiseplatz, Schoeneberg, U.S. Sector, on 25 July 1947. In view of the circumstances surrounding this case, special precautions were taken to insure that the meeting was not observed by EVD operatives.

2. CALESA appeared to be fairly satisfied with his present living arrangements and took Tuesday's incident (arrest and interrogation at Wannsee) rather philosophically. He was still eager to embark upon his Russian venture and Gaines, at least, was convinced about his sincerity. CALESA resides at present in the Viktoria Luise Pension on Potsstrasse, and can be reached under Tel: 245086. The owner of the Pension is an old acquaintance who knows him by his real name (Reichert). That is the name under which he is known at the Pension, which he describes as a solid, conservative (bürgerlich) establishment. Obeying instructions, CALESA stays home most of the day but has gone visiting in the darkness. He has already met E J and a certain Werner KRAPPE, also an old acquaintance. KRAPPE, who resides at Landshuter Strasse 11, Berlin W., related that about two weeks ago a stranger came to his house, inquiring about CALESA's whereabouts. From the personal description KRAPPE gave, CALESA believes this man to be identical with the one who came about two months ago to his mother, almost daily, with requests for the same information. CALESA, incidentally, claims not to have contacted his mother since his return to Berlin.

3. CALESA's statement about his alleged Russian contact was gone over in detail once more. CALESA repeated substantially the same story he gave us on 21 July. He was questioned particularly how the Russian agents were able to locate him in Wiesbaden. According to CALESA the best possibility would have been through the police, since he was legally registered. A great number of people in Berlin knew he had gone to Amzon and a police check in all the major cities should have been fairly routine. In addition, the Wiesbaden authorities became more than usually aware of his presence there, since he came on an American "Einweisung" - which is relatively rare. CALESA stated emphatically that NAME had no means of knowing of his presence in Wiesbaden.

4. CALESA plans to meet the Russians on 2 August 1947. The date was chosen for the following reasons: the Russians suggested the days around 1 August 1947 without naming the specific date. CALESA does not want to seem too eager, therefore he will

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observe the corner on 1 August for any sign of unusual or possible suspect activity and will appear there openly on the 2nd. Possible dangers of the situation were again pointed out to CALESA and we stated that if he entertains any doubts about the success of this plan we will transport him back to Wiesbaden without any hard feelings. CALESA stated he definitely wants to try his luck at this, his most ambitious venture in intelligence work.

5. Answering our question, CALESA stated that his status in Wiesbaden will not be jeopardized by his temporary presence in Berlin. His status is legally taken care of, the only obstacle which keeps him from opening his textile store is lack of suitable store-space, but finding that is unlikely for the time being, so he might as well be in Berlin. He will, however, suggest to the Russians that his maximum usefulness would be in Amzon, and he would best like an arrangement under which he could travel between Amzon and Berlin twice or three times a month. This sort of planning, however, is premature until he talked to the Russians.

6. CALESA suggested the following scheme to facilitate his reporting to the Russians with a semblance of truth. In Wiesbaden he met the former chief of the German "Russlandforschungsinstitut" - Prof. Dr. Waldemar von POLETICKA. POLETICKA, according to CALESA a well-known scientist, rescued from Berlin the records of his institute and has a wealth of information on Russia, all of it, of course, dating prior to 1944. He has been negotiating for some time with the CIC in Wiesbaden regarding exploitation of that material, but they showed not much interest. POLETICKA is interested in working for U.S. intelligence and CALESA stated his reports, based on pre-1944 material, could be used as chicken-feed to the Russians. CALESA would tell the Russians POLETICKA was an agent of the organization formerly employing CALESA and that CALESA succeeded in "doubling" him.

7. CALESA also submitted a report which was of FR interest only.

8. CALESA was given food for the next 4 days and 200 RM. He requested soap, underwear and toilet articles for the next meeting - items which he failed to bring with him due to the haste of his departure from Wiesbaden. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 28 July, same time and place.

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